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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/851,040
Applicant(s) : Stephen Zimmerman, et al.
Filed : May 8, 2001
Title : SNACK PIECE DESIGN HAVING INCREASED PACKED
DENSITY
TC/A.U. : 1761
Examiner : Drew E. Becker
Conf. No. : 2167
Docket No. : 8072M
Customer No. : 27752

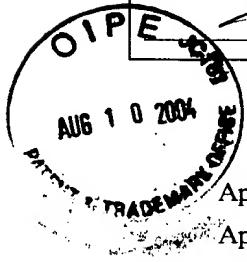
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 7, 2004, which set a thirty-day period for response. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims to comply with revised 37 CFR § 1.121, effective dated July 30, 2003. Please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.